

## WILSON IS RIGHT, EXPERTS AGREE

Requesting Armed Neutrality Is Usual Procedure

HAS HAPPENED BEFORE THIS

Situation Is Called "War Without a Declaration"

New York, Feb. 28.—Authorities on international law agree generally that President Wilson's demand of Congress for the right to enforce armed neutrality is the usual procedure in such a state as that which now exists between the United States and Germany as a result of the German blockade of American ports.

Lorenz Sample of the firm of Coudert Bros. of New York City, specialists in international law, said:

"I should interpret 'armed neutrality' as a state of war without a formal declaration of war.

"A similar situation, it seems to me, prevailed during the Napoleonic period, when the French preyed upon our commerce. The United States government then armed its merchantmen and defied French warships to attack them.

"Under the old treaty between Prussia and the United States, the warships of neither nation had a right to attack ships of the other except in a state of war between the nations. They had a right to warn and search, but no right to attack. Germany, through her submarine warfare, has persistently violated that treaty."

Frederic Coudert said:

"Armed neutrality is a state in which a neutral whose rights have been infringed by belligerents maintains those rights by force.

"In the present application which the president uses, it would appear by the very terms of his statement to be applicable to the German action in threatening destruction to neutral ships and to neutrals on the high seas and the carrying out of such destruction.

"The moment, however, that force is used against one of the belligerents, unless that belligerent yields its contention, a state of actual war necessarily ensues. War is merely the prosecution of a state of its rights by force. And once those rights are resisted, actual war takes place without any declaration by a legislative body.

"By adopting such measures in avowed defense of admitted neutral rights, he places on Germany the odium of actually assailing America and creating war."

Ex-Gov. Simeon B. Baldwin, an authority on international law, commented on the power asked by the president of Congress:

"The authority which President Wilson asks for is much the same as that given to President Adams by Congress in 1798. Congress then authorized the seizure or destruction on the high seas of French vessels that had made or intended to make depredations on American shipping. Under the authority then bestowed Commodore Truxtun captured a French man-of-war after a bloody engagement.

"As to the president's position that Germany is invading the freedom of the seas, we stand in a more favorable position than any other power on account of our ancient treaties with Prussia, which the German empire has inherited. These guarantee free commercial intercourse in time of war to belligerent ports to each of the signatory powers."

## BRYAN RUSHES TO SIDE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

He Will Go to Washington at Once to Try to Keep Congress from Granting Powers Asked of Congress.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 28.—W. J. Bryan, in a statement issued here yesterday, announced he was opposed to granting powers to the president such as Mr. Wilson requested of Congress Monday. He announced he would go immediately to Washington and use his influence to have the request declined.

After reading President Wilson's address to Congress, Mr. Bryan cancelled five speaking engagements in Florida and has since been in communication by telegraph with congressional friends in Washington.

"Whatever power is conferred upon the president should, I think," said Mr. Bryan, "be so limited as not to constitute a surrender of the power of Congress."

Mr. Bryan said he had the greatest faith in the president's high purpose, but he was of the opinion that it would be unwise to delegate to the president the authority asked for "no matter how much confidence we have in the executive."

## CALIFORNIA UPHOLDS WILSON.

Legislature Denounces Germany's "Disregard of Law of Nations."

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 28.—A resolution "expressing confidence in President Wilson in this crisis in the history of our country" and denouncing disregard by Germany of the law of nations has been passed unanimously by the assembly of the California legislature.

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## FREIGHT RATES GO UP.

Increase on Iron and Steel for Pacific Export.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Increased freight rates on iron and steel from Chicago, Pittsburgh and other points in the East to Pacific coast terminals for export were authorized yesterday by the interstate commerce commission.

The increases authorized are from 30 cents, the present rate, to 40 cents from Chicago, and from 42 to 45 cents from Pittsburgh. The rates will become effective April 2, and apply to shipments destined for Japan, China and Manila.

With the authorization of these increases the rates on iron and steel from producing points to the Orient by way of Pacific ports will be approximately 12 cents higher per hundred pounds than the rates by way of New York.

"The quicker service reduced war risks, and lower insurance rates," reads the commission's decision, "tend, however, to equalize the rate disadvantage. Chicago with the proposed rate of 40 cents would get a through rate to the Orient via the Pacific coast ports of \$1.30, or five cents less than Pittsburgh would pay via the Pacific coast ports."

Little if any diversion of this traffic from Pacific coast ports to Atlantic ports is anticipated by the commission because of the increased rate.

## GERMAN FRIEND WARNS GERARD NOT TO SAIL

Envoy Regards It as Given in All Seriousness—Anxiety Felt for the Party Leaving.

Corunna, Spain, Feb. 28.—It became known yesterday that on the day he left Berlin, ex-Ambassador Gerard was warned personally by a German friend in high official position against sailing from Spain for the United States.

The fact that the warning was given has not yet become known except to the men who are in Mr. Gerard's confidence, but among them there is a feeling of anxiety in regard to the Americans who sailed yesterday on the Infanta Isabel. It is known that Mr. Gerard regards the warning as having been given in all seriousness.

## STORIES ANGER BERLIN EDITORS.

Returning Correspondents Said to Know Too Much.

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.—The German press is greatly incensed over articles by American newspaper correspondents who left Berlin with Ambassador Gerard, according to information reaching here yesterday.

German newspapers have learned of these correspondents' articles through reprints in French and British newspapers, and a number of editorials in the leading German papers severely censured the foreign office for permitting the leakage of important information divulged by these correspondents.

Berlin comment also indicated that there will be a number of questions asked of officials in the Reichstag this week as to how this information was permitted to become known.

"We really ought to scrutinize every American journalist twice," said the Vossische Zeitung, "before permitting them to leave. Germany's position would have been better appreciated abroad if the censor had vetoed all articles from them expressing our feelings toward Americans and America."

## SANK A U-BOAT.

Two Portuguese Torpedo Boats Saw Her Go Down.

Boston, Feb. 27.—The sinking of a German submarine in the harbor of St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, by two Portuguese torpedo boats on the night of Jan. 1, was described here yesterday by Arthur J. Jeffs of New York, formerly third engineer on the British steamer Eddie, who claims to have witnessed the attack. Jeffs arrived yesterday on the Norwegian steamer Fagernes, which stopped at the island on its way from Calcutta. He said the submarine was attempting to cut the cable to England when it was attacked by the torpedo boats and sunk by shell fire.

One shot apparently pierced the submarine's hull, Jeff said, and prevented her from submerging. The undersized craft then circled the Eddie several times, maneuvering for an opportunity to launch a torpedo. They opened up with their rapid fire and the U-boat, with her hull, riddled, sank suddenly.

## ITALIAN LIRE "FLOPS."

Sensational Break in Remittances Sends Exchange Value to Low Figure.

New York, Feb. 28.—A sensational break in remittances to Italy carried down the value of lire in the exchange market here yesterday to a point where it takes more than seven and one-half lire to equal one American dollar as against the normal value of five and one-eighth lire before the war. Cables to Italy were quoted at 7.52 against a previous minimum of 7.48.

Italian exchange has shown increasing demoralization here during the past few weeks, mainly as a result of the failure of the Italian government or banking interests to rebuild credit in this market.

## PENSION FOR MRS. FUNSTON.

Senate Passes Bill Giving Widow \$100 a Month.

Washington, Feb. 28.—A bill granting a pension of \$100 a month to the widow of the late Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston was passed yesterday by the Senate.

## Fears of Mr. Luce.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Robert Luce, chairman of the state cost of living commission, told a legislative committee yesterday that the nation is facing a financial panic. "Every evidence that history affords of impending financial disaster is with us now," he said. "Excessive speculation, enormous extravagance, tremendous profits and unbounded prosperity—these we have now and they are almost inevitably the precursor of financial disaster."

## ANCRE RETREAT IN FULL SWING

Germans Likely to Stand on the Arras-Cambrai Line

MAY NOT HOLD BAPAUME

Guns on Railway Trucks Halt British Advance

With the British armies afield, Feb. 28.—There seems every reason to believe the present German retreat will not be ended until the Teutons reach a line approximating the front between Arras and Cambrai.

Meanwhile the British are still pressing forward. They are constantly in touch with the Germans and the Germans are breaking many war records in their retreat. The British pressure is toward Bapaume and the advance is being rapidly forced.

The Germans, however, are offering stiff resistance with large calibre guns, which are evidently mounted on railway trucks, all ready for a quick getaway at the psychological moment.

Just before the Germans took flight they blew up their strongest defensive works. But this didn't worry the British. A new line is being established by the British troops far back of what was the old enemy front line.

I am told the Germans had many thousand soldier and civilian prisoners working on the defensive works in the line from Arras to Cambrai for the past few weeks.

For the present moment all eyes are turned toward Bapaume. The Germans have converted the city into an underground Gibraltar and have lavished on it all the arts of modern fortress building. Many explosions have been heard in the city and there were various reports yesterday that the garrison had blown up all these wonderful collars and passages, as well as the city's walls, preparatory to leaving, when the pressure of the British forces becomes stronger.

The clearer weather of the last few days has enabled the British to harass the retreating Germans and has permitted aeroplane activity.

Thus the war god, whose mists at first favored the Germans by preventing aerial reconnaissance, is switching his affection from one side to the other.

The British forward sweep stretches from south of Gommecourt as far as Le Transloy. Gommecourt is tottering. Prisoners taken by the British say the German retreat is an "unpleasant job," because the British guns keep hammering away, making the roads all but impassable either by day or night.

This has been one of the great moves of the world war, with deep significance and rich possibilities for the British.

## SWEDISH TRUNK IS REMOVED FROM LINER

It Will Be Taken to London For a Closer Examination.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The chest of documents on board the Frederik VIII, supposed to be diplomatic papers of the Swedish minister at Washington, will be forwarded from Halifax to London, to be guaranteed by Sweden's envoy here, according to the arrangements made to accommodate the issue raised when the chest was taken from Count Von Bernstorff's ship.

The chest, without notification to the British authorities, was consigned to the care of a merchant taking passage for Sweden on the Frederik VIII.

It will be taken by a British ship to England, where the neutrality of its contents will be vouched for by a representative of the Swedish government.

## Move in Thaw Case.

New York, Feb. 28.—In an effort to have extradition proceedings against Harry K. Thaw given preference over the lunacy hearing in the Philadelphia courts, Dist. Atty. Swann yesterday dispatched Asst. Dist. Atty. Black to that city. Three alienists accompanied Mr. Black.

## Murder and Suicide.

Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 28.—Charles Corlitz of Taunton shot and instantly killed his wife in a hotel here yesterday and then shot himself, dying shortly after he was removed to a hospital. The couple arrived at the hotel yesterday morning and had been in a room several hours when the shooting occurred.

## Not Needed.

The young bride had clearly formed ideas on industrial questions. "I will give you something to eat," she informed the tramp, "if you will get that ax—"

"Oh, I shan't need that," the tramp interrupted in a reassuring tone. "My teeth are all right."—Philadelphia Record.

## AGED FARMER

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There is no one recipe which will serve for all mankind. Each must learn not his neighbor's but his own best way of living. To one it may be the routine task, the daily round, to curb the wandering will and bring content. To another it may be the fortitude to escape the sheltering care of habit or the lassitude of sloth. To one it should be the abandonment of philosophy or introspection to rub elbows with his fellow men; to another, the willingness to let the soul awaken and breathe amid the sky rimmed prairie and under the deathless stars; to one, hearthstone and slippers; to another, the seven seas, the aurora borealis and the Southern Cross; to one, society; to another, solitude; to one, the quiet which stills the passions; to another, the eternal restlessness which brings achievement.

The best rounded life contains something of each and all. There are but two attitudes to avoid—the level line of least resistance and the rigidity of self distrust which denies every impulse simply because it is impulse. Somewhere between the two lies your course. Many are the thickets to be hewed down, many the crags to be scaled. But beyond stands the Inn in the Clearing, where faithful travelers may find the refreshment, the rest and the kindly words of welcome which form the goal and reward of life well lived.—Collier's Weekly.

## UNIQUE AMONG ANIMALS.

Raccoons Have a Curious Habit of Washing Their Food.

Few American wild animals are more widely known or excite more popular interest than the raccoon, which occupies most of the wooded parts of North America from the southern border of Canada to Panama, with the exception of the higher mountain ranges.

Its diet is extraordinarily varied and includes fresh water clams, crawfish, frogs, turtles, birds and their eggs, poultry, nuts, fruits and green corn. When near water raccoons have a curious and unique habit of washing their food before eating it. Their fondness for green corn leads them into frequent danger, for when bottom land corn tempts them away from their usual haunts raccoon hunting with dogs at night becomes an especially favored sport. Raccoons are extraordinarily intelligent animals and make interesting and amusing pets.

They began to figure in our frontier literature at an early date. Coonskin caps, with the ringed tails hanging like plumbeous, made the favorite headgear of many pioneer hunters, and coonskins were recognized articles of barter at country stores. Now that the increasing occupation of the country is crowding out more and more of our wild life it is a pleasure to note the persistence with which the characteristic and interesting animals continue to hold their own in so much of their original range.—National Geographic Magazine.

## Learn to Be Thrifty.

Thriftlessness seldom if ever is able to seize and detain opportunity or to drive advantageous bargains.

What men call luck generally is a combination of foresight, industry, pluck and thrift in the lucky man.

To save is to have, to own is to possess power. Property speaks loudly and largely sways the commonwealth. The thrifty contribute most to the welfare of the state.

The purchaser on credit pays not only for the property, but for the time it takes to complete the purchase. It seldom is the thrifty way to finance deals. The extra expenditure is equivalent to the loss of so much interest on one's principal.

## WHY NOT BE CHEERFUL?

It Will Help You to Increase Your Mental and Physical Power.

Good cheer is a great lubricant. It oils all of life's machinery.

Good cheer is a great producer. It adds wonderfully to one's active ability and increases mental and physical power. It makes hosts of friends and helps us to be interesting and agreeable.

Good cheer will attract more customers, sell more goods, do more business, with less wear and tear than almost any other quality.

Optimism is the greatest business getter, biggest trader, truest achiever, in the world.

Pessimism has never done anything but tear down and destroy what optimism has built up.

In the business office, in society, in politics, in workshops, everywhere, the favorite is always the cheerful fellow with the bright smile and bright thoughts.

Good natured, cheerful ones do not waste their vital energies as rapidly as the grumblers or the too sober, too sour ones do. They work and live with much less friction.

Good cheer is a simple habit. It is one of the best in all the list.—Christian Herald.

## An American Golf Club of 1794.

It may come as a surprise to golf players to know how long ago, almost a century and a quarter, the royal game was enjoyed by Charlestonians. In making research through the files of the South Carolina Gazette recently I came upon the following notice, which I send as a contribution to our golfing records:

City Gazette and Daily Advertiser. Saturday, November 15, 1794. Golf Club.

This being the anniversary of the South Carolina Golf Club, the members are requested to attend at Williams's Coffee House, in lieu of Harleston's Green, on account of the bad weather.

Dinner on table at 2 o'clock. By order of the president, EDWIN GAIRDNER, Secretary. —Charleston News and Courier.

## FEDERALS ROUT GOMEZ FORCES

Army, Broken, Flees to Its Mountain Retreats

FLAG OF TRUCE WAS REFUSED

Government Troops Lose Only One in the Battle

Havana, Feb. 28.—If government advances are correct the rebel forces under Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez suffered a disastrous defeat on the Jatibonico river boundary between the states of Camaguey and Santa Clara. Col. Collazo, who commanded the federal forces, reported to President Menocal that the Gomez army had been broken up into small bands and had fled into the mountains.

It was on Gen. Gomez' own estate on the Jatibonico that he won his reputation as a military commander during the Cuban war for independence. Here he had his greatest triumphs and here he seems to have met the most serious reverse of his career.

Col. Collazo was ordered to dislodge Gomez, who was holding a large force on his Jibaro estate, together with Carlos Manditez, candidate for vice-president on the Yayas ticket; Col. Quinones, Lieut. Col. Figueroa and Major Solano. A sharp engagement took place and after an hour's fighting the rebels asked for a truce to arrange for their surrender. Suspecting treachery the federal commander refused to treat. He was attacked immediately on three sides. It required another hour and a half for him to rout the rebels.

Col. Collazo reported to the government that he found fifty dead rebels and many wounded on the battlefield. He captured two machine guns, 140 rifles and pistols, 100 cavalry horses and many mules loaded with supplies.

The federal losses as reported were one dead and eight wounded.

## General Sporting Notes.

The Boston Braves have set aside a day for Fred Mitchell, the one-time coach and scout of the Hub aggregation of ball tossers. The day which Boston fandom will celebrate for the old-time star will be May 14, when the Chicago Cubs make their first appearance in Beantown.

Owing to the rule that a National league umpire cannot officiate in a game that a National league team plays during the coming spring training trip, the club managements have decided to hire arbitrators from the International league to work on the Yankee-Braves trip northward.

Should Wood have another season like his 1912 success, the Cleveland Indians would have what some might call an easy time in winning the 1917 pennant, as they did remarkably well last season, and Wood's prowess would be the much needed punch that the team has lacked in years past.

In 1906 George Rohe was the most talked of ball player in the game. He won the pennant for Chicago by a few timely swats; the next year he dropped to the minors. To-day he is having a hard time to keep a minor league berth.

Dutch Leonard of the Red Sox will probably be seen on the screen within a short time. The California picture corporation has accepted a five-reel scenario entitled, "Dutch Leonard Strikes Out Faith with One Pitched Ball." The picture is based on Leonard's past feature work in the game which he has helped to make so famous.

Connie Mack is the most interesting tail-end manager the game has ever known. When he saw that his great combination of Collins, Baker and Barry were gone, he immediately sold them all and put in an inexperienced team that was the poorest the major league has ever known, and with all this he made money, as his payroll was smaller than Roger Bresnahan's ex-outlaw band in Toledo, a class A club.

It is said that Joe Wood, the smoke ball king of 1912, is very glad of the change of surroundings and that he has stepped into the berth which he has most desired, as he will be a side kick of his old pal, Tristram Speaker.

Whitted, premier outfielder, says that he will not wear a Philadelphia National uniform this season unless there is more money forthcoming than the Philadelphia management has offered him thus far. Whitted was formerly of the Boston Braves.

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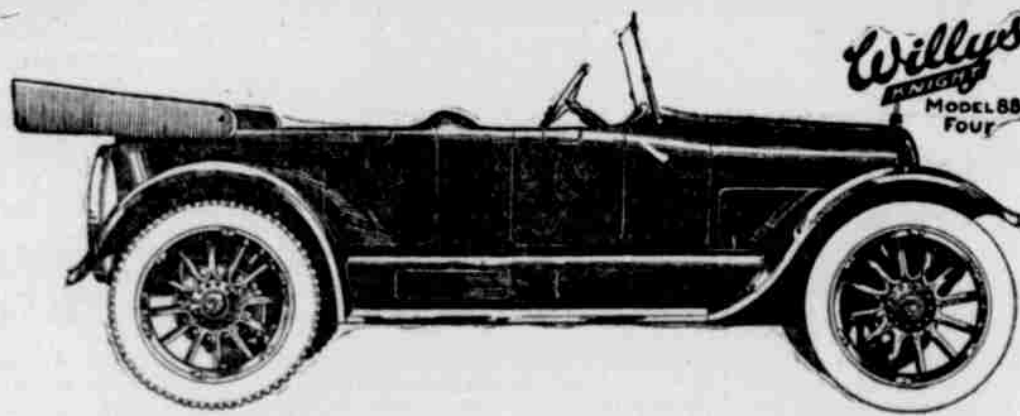
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